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**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/732,914; Filed: December 11, 2000  
For: **Use of Multiple Recombination Sites with Unique Specificity  
in Recombinational Cloning**  
Inventors: CHEO *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.5010002/BJD/JKM

Sir:

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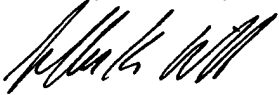
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With Specification dated February 14, 2006, Applicants submit the following  
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- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
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show changes made;
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